(ग) और (घ) जी, हां। वर्ष 1991-92 और 1994-95 में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अधीन राज्य सरकारों और उनके नामितियों द्वारा उठान की गई मात्राओं के सम्बन्ध में भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा निम्नलिखित सूचना दी गई है:—

(मात्रा लाख मीटरी टनों में)

		1991-92	1994-95
गेहूं	:	90.49	49.83
चावल	:	103.83	80.13

Strengthening of Consumer Fora

70. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide Rs. 61 crore to strengthen and ensure smooth functioning of Consumer fora across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government were aware of the lack of infrastructure faced by the Consumer Fora;

(c) if so, whether any concrete programme of action as to how this amount of Rs. 61 crore will be spent has been formulated;

(d) if so, what are the details of the same;

(e) whether Government have considered various recommendations of the working group, set up by Government; and

(f) if so, how many of the suggestions have so far been considered and by what time they are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) On the initiative taken by Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution, the Planning Commission has agreed to give one time assistance of Rs. 61 crores to the State Governments to strengthen the infrastructure of the consumer courts. This assistance will be over and above their Annual Plan Budget and will be released in four instalments.

The above assistance is to be released to the States/UTs in four half-yearly instalments, in 1995-96 and 1996-97.

(e) and (f) For the above mentioned plan scheme, Central Government has not set up any Working Group.

Import of Wheat and Sugar

71. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat, sugar and other foodgrains imported during each of the last three years, year-wise by STC and MMTC;

(b) the rates and countries from which these were imported year-wise;

(c) the foreign exchange spent thereon year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase production of wheat and other foodgrains during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) No quantity of wheat and rice has been imported on govt. account by STC and MMTC during the last 3 years. No sugar has also been imported by STC and MMTC during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94. During 1994-95, a quantity of 9.75 lakh tonnes of sugar valued at US $ 37.93 crores (Provisional) was imported by STC and MMTC. Details regarding rates, countries from which imported etc., are given in Statement (*See* below)

(d) The following strategies have been worked out to improve the productivity of crops in different states:

(i) Promoting Cropping systems approach as against individual crop approach.

(ii) Encouraging varietal replacement and propagation of newer location specific High Yielding varieites with biotic and abiotic resistance.

(iii) Propagation of improved crop production technologies through organisation of field demonstrations on farmer's holdings and training of farmers and farm labourers including women.

(iv) Encouraging the use of organic manures.

(v) Encouraging the use of soil ameliorants.

(vi) Adoption of Integrated Pest Management Approach.

(vii) Promoting a sense of competition among farmers for maximisation of cereal productivity.

Statement

The names of the countries, the quantities of sugar and the rate at which it was imported

Organisation	Country	Quantity (MT)	Average rate (p.m.t.)
STC	Thailand	10,034	
	Netherland	19,890	Rs. 13,235 PMT/CIF
	U.K.	11,091	
	Poland	13,557	US $ 402.50 PMT/CIF
	France	13,000	US $ 399.00 PMT/CIF
	U.S.A.	14,000	US $ 396.00 PMT/CIF
	Brazil	3,89,113	US $ 389.73 PMT/CIF/C & F
		4,70,685	
MMTC	Brazil	4,51,661	
	Turkey	14,000	At a weighted average price
	Belgium	14,000	of about US $ 383.04 PMT
	Columbia	14,000	Indian Ports.
	Poland	11,600	
		5,05,261	

Outstanding dues of CIL

72. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of outstanding dues payable by each State Electricity Board and the National Thermal Power Corporation plant to the Coal India Limited on account of supply of coal as on 31st March, 1995 and 30th September, 1995 (break-up to be given State-wise); and

(b) what steps have so far been taken by Government for the recovery of the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI